

**COMMENTS RECEIVED IN SUPPORT OF / COMMENTING ON THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSED
EV CHARGING POINTS IN SHERSTON**

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1	<p>Sherston Parish Council policy is to reject the installation of new infrastructure within the conservation area unless it is of conservation area compatibility. Such installations, even if carried out under permitted rights by statutory utilities should be closely examined, This policy was enacted by the parish council following the installation by BT of non-conforming broadband cabinets adjacent to listed buildings in church street. The High Street is a key part of the conservation area and should not be cluttered with unsuitable street furniture. The vehicle recharging bays should be replaced by compatible infrastructure.</p> <p>The proposed area of restricted parking is excessively large. There are two recharging points. The parking restrictions should therefore only apply to the frontage of Number 5 High Street and not extend across numbers 4 court street and 7 High Street.</p> <p>There is no need for more street furniture and signs to be erected in the conservation area. The Parish Council Statement is that the expect users to share the bays without the need for enforcement.</p> <p>The RTO documentation is unnecessarily restrictive as it does not permit the recharging of plug-in hybrid vehicle. This is discriminatory.</p>	1	<p>The proposed EV spaces take into account accessibility requirements by all users. It also recognises that need for cables to be used without becoming a hazard to other users.</p> <p>Appropriate signage is required for enforcement purposes. It also gives detailed information to users of the EV provision.</p>

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2	<p>This is not a good place to site charging points for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the residents of High Street Sherston have nowhere else to park, none have garages or drives ii) the High Street is busy with visitors to the local shop, coffee shop and doctors' surgery - all of whom have to share the same parking spaces as the residents and many of whom are forced to drive because of distance or infirmity iii) the informal poll of local people asking for those in favour of electric vehicle charging made no mention of sacrificing High Street parking space and the possibility of being penalised for non-compliance. 	1	<p>The High Street was chosen as the preferred location due to the nearest public charging provision being 3.2 miles away.</p> <p>The amount of EV charging bays being proposed is considered appropriate for the size of the parking area.</p> <p>Parking enforcement will be required to ensure only compliant vehicles are using the provision.</p>
3	<p>I own an EV, like an increasing number of the population. Whilst I have my own home charger and would therefore make little use of this facility, I fully support its installation and use by EV vehicles only as I have needed similar facilities when travelling around the country; nationally there are a dearth of EV chargers, and we need many more. These chargers would be useful for those residents in Sherston who do not have a drive or home charger and for visitors to our local amenities (Pub, Cafe, Village Hall or Post Office/Co-Op).</p>	1	Comment noted
4	<p>The country needs to promote the use of EVs. 2 bays in the High Street are small beer in the overall national scheme and there are no logical alternative locations in the village to accommodate EV owners. There are sufficient alternative bays for non-EV vehicles and objectors have little grounds to argue.</p>	1	Comment noted

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5	<p>This is part of a national and global issue. We are in the middle of a climate emergency - electric vehicles are one contributor to helping improve the situation. Greater access to electric charging supports the wider use of EVs and should be made available as much as possible. At present a shortage of charging points is widely used as a reason for not buying and using EVs so every opportunity should be taken to increase their number</p> <p>On a local level Sherston does not currently have any public EV charging available. There are many houses in the village with no off-street parking and therefore no opportunity to charge safely at home. The suggestion that local people can go elsewhere to charge is unrealistic when a journey to a local small town together with charging time could amount to several hours. Access to charging can be an attraction to visitors who plan their routes around its availability. This may act in favour of local hospitality businesses in the village. There are several pubs, restaurants and cafes as well as holiday lets in the central area of the village; potential visitors to any one of these could be attracted by the opportunity to charge their EV</p> <p>Some space currently used for parking in the High Street will be lost but it is a very small fraction of the total. It is realistic to make this small change in light of the need to support the easier use of EVs</p>	1	Comment noted
6	<p>The Parish Council support the proposed TRO for EV charge points on Sherston High St as the main purpose of the charge points is for use by local residents.</p>	1	Comment noted

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7	Some public charging facilities are essential for those unable to charge at home, and to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles in response to the Climate Crisis. These will be useful for local residents and visitors alike, and will not involve a large proportional reduction in the amount of parking in Sherston High St.	1	Comment noted
8	<p>I'm fully in support of this TRO. The one caveat I have is that it is easy to misread the regulations. The regulations could be misread as meaning that parking is ok after 6pm and before 8am which I understand is not the intention. Could any signage please state something along the lines of.....</p> <p>Electric vehicle recharging point only 8am-6pm Charging Duration Max 4 hours - No return within 2 hours</p>	3	Comment noted
9	<p>I am very supportive of the traffic restrictions on the high street in Sherston for the EV chargers.</p> <p>I am concerned the accompanying sign is ambiguous and therefore petrol and diesel cars will think they can park there outside the times when EV cars are restricted to 4 hours, which I understand is not your intention. This could potentially prevent EV vehicle charging in the evening, at night and on Sunday.</p> <p>The sign says 'Electric Vehicle Recharging Point Only Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm Max stay 4 hours.</p> <p>What it needs to say is. Electric Vehicles Only at all times. Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm Max stay 4 hours.</p>	3	Comment noted
10	<p>I'm delighted to see EV Charge Points on the High Street in Sherston and am fully in support of this Traffic Regulation Order. My only concern is the wording of the proposed regulation. I think it would be very easy to misread it and to think that it is acceptable to park after 6pm and before 8am which of course is certainly not what was intended.</p> <p>Please could you make the signage clearer and say something like:</p>	3	Comment noted

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